

Funding to be Used to Purchase Necessary Equipment

Rochester, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced that the City of Tonawanda Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security allowing them to purchase lifesaving equipment.

Provided as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, the City of Tonawanda Fire Department will receive \$194,263 to be used for the purchase of harnesses, ropes, victim removal devices, enhanced air supply equipment and a closed circuit intrinsically-safe communications system.

“I am delighted to again be able to announce federal funding coming to the brave firefighters who protect our communities day in and day out. As fire companies in Western New York know better than anyone else, it is essential that they have the equipment they need to carry out their lifesaving work,” said Slaughter. “This funding will help the City of Tonawanda purchase lifesaving equipment and provide necessary training to their brave men and women.”

□ “The City of Tonawanda Fire Department is extremely grateful and excited to have been chosen as one of the recipients of the 2010 Fire Act Grant program.□ This grant will provide funding to acquire numerous pieces of equipment, which will allow the department to significantly enhance our life-saving capabilities and provide a larger margin of safety for our firefighters who may need to perform rescues from within confined spaces,” said Chief Charles B. Stuart. “The timing of this grant could not have been better considering the state of our local economy.□ This award not only benefits the department but also our local taxpayers, as these upgrades will not cause an increase in our operating budget.”

In Fiscal Year 2010, DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will award approximately \$390 million directly to fire departments and EMS organizations to enhance their response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

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□ Since 2001, the AFG Program has provided approximately \$4.6 billion in grants to first-responder organizations to obtain much-needed emergency response equipment, personal protective equipment, firefighting and emergency vehicles, and training.

In the last month, Slaughter has announced similar federal grants for the [Rochester Fire Department, Youngstown Fire Department](#)

, [Ridge-Culver Fire District, and the Upper Mountain Fire Company.](#)

The City of Tonawanda Fire Department is classified as a “combination” type department meaning that they utilize a combination of both volunteer and career personnel to get the job done. This makes it possible to efficiently provide many types of services for all citizens and maintain a 3-minute or less response time throughout the City of Tonawanda at a minimal cost.

For more on the City of Tonawanda Fire Department, click [here](#)

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